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Enclosed herewith is PTO Form 1449 citing an office action from the Japanese Patent Office (with English translation) which office action cites three references (Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publications) and those references are also enclosed herewith along with their English translations.

It is respectfully requested that the cited references be made of record and considered.

Applicant is also enclosing herewith the certified copy of the priority document, Japanese Patent Application No. 11-266090, which perfects the claim for priority.

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